

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 22-25 have been cancelled without prejudice in February 12, 2002 Office Action response. Please amend independent claims 26 and 27 and add new dependent claims 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, and 37.

26. (currently amended) A ribbon curling device comprising:

Delivery means for delivering a supply of unstressed curtable ribbon; curling means located downstream of said delivery means for curling the said ribbon;

Mechanical drive means selected from the group consisting of conveyor belts, rollers and wheels;

and located downstream of said curling means ~~for drawing the ribbon to provide~~ tractive pull to draw said ribbon whereby said ribbon travels across said curling means; wherein said mechanical drive wheel means includes at least one combination or pairing of said conveyor belts, rollers and/or wheels wherein the said ribbon being disposed between the said combination or pairing.

27. (currently amended) A ribbon curling device comprising:

Delivery means for delivering a supply of unstressed curtable ribbon; curling means located downstream of said delivery means for curling ~~[the]~~ said ribbon;

Mechanical drive means selected from the group consisting of conveyor belts, rollers and wheels;

and located downstream of said curling means ~~[for]~~ in support of drawing the said ribbon across said curling means; wherein said mechanical drive wheel means

includes at least one pairing of said conveyor belt with at least one conveyor belt, roller and/or wheel wherein the said ribbon being disposed between the said pairing.

28. (new) A ribbon curling device according to claim 26 wherein a ribbon guide means intermediate said curling means and mechanical drive means controls the approach angle of said ribbon to said mechanical drive means.

29. (new) A ribbon curling device according to claim 26 wherein the approach and/or departure angle of said curable ribbon to the said curling means may be changed to suit the quality of said curable ribbon and/or the desired degree of curl tightness.

30. (new) A ribbon curling device according to claim 29 wherein the said curable ribbon is comprised of polypropylene material.

31. (new) A ribbon curling device according to claim 30 wherein the said curable ribbon comprises multiple strands of at least two different colours.

32. (new) A ribbon curling device according to claim 30 wherein the said drive means may have cutting blades for continuous or intermittent engagement with the ribbon

33. (new) A ribbon curling device according to claim 27 wherein a ribbon guide means intermediate said curling means and mechanical drive means controls the approach angle of said ribbon to said mechanical drive means.

34. (new) A ribbon curling device according to claim 27 wherein the approach and/or departure angle of said curable ribbon to the said curling means may

be changed to suit the quality of said curtable ribbon and/or the desired degree of curl tightness.

35. (new) A ribbon curling device according to claim 34 wherein the said curtable ribbon is comprised of polypropylene material.

36. (new) A ribbon curling device according to claim 35 wherein the said curtable ribbon comprises multiple strands of at least two different colours.

37. (new) A ribbon curling device according to claim 35 wherein the said drive means may have cutting blades for continuous or intermittent engagement with the ribbon.